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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed June 4, 2007 (the OA), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was initially due July 4, 2007. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for five months to December 4, 2007. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 36 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter (1 page);
- Petition for 5 Month Extension of Time (1 page); and
- Response and Amendment (422 pages).